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Off-Highway Vehicles on Public Lands in Utah



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1987 UTAH OHV* LAW

Where can you operate your OHV on public lands? The Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Utah Division of Parks and Recreation (listed addresses and phone numbers in this brochure) can tell you where OHV opportunities are. Contact these agencies for information.

This brochure provides answers to general questions asked about OHV activities on public lands. It summarizes laws and rules and safety recommendations pertaining to OHVs.

The new Utah OHV law now provides for use of registered dirt bikes and ATVs, operated by unlicensed drivers (down to age 8 years old), on many public roads when designated open to OHVs. Roads to be open for dirt bike and ATV use are only those roads designed or maintained for "high" clearance vehicles for slow speed travel. Roads passable by passenger cars and other "low" clearance vehicles are not open to dirt bike and ATV use.

OHV LAW HIGHLIGHTS (other laws also apply)

- No person under 8 years of age may operate an ATV or dirt bike on public roads or lands.
- Operators from 8 to 15 years of age must possess a safety certificate issued by the Utah Division of Parks and Recreation (law effective July 1, 1988).
- Dirt bikes, ATVs, and snowmobiles must display a current state OHV registration sticker while being operated or transported on public lands or roads.
- Safety helmets must be worn by operators from 8 to 17 years of age. All operators of any age should wear protective head gear.
- Use only roads, trails, and areas designated open for OHV use. Refer to agency Travel Maps and signing.
- No person shall operate vehicles on private land without the owner's permission.
- No person shall operate an OHV while under the influence of intoxicating liquor and/or any drug.

SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

- Ride only on roads not used by passenger cars and other "low" clearance vehicles.
- Ride on the right side of the road and in single file. Be alert to oncoming traffic, particularly on blind curves or in dips and on hill crests.
- Ride only at safe speeds for existing conditions.
- No person should operate an ATV or dirt bike carrying a passenger.
- Parents and guardians should accompany and supervise operators between the ages of 8 to 15 at all times.
- No person under 12 years of age should operate an ATV exceeding 125cc's in size on any public lands or roads.
- Display a bright colored "whip flag" on ATVs when operating on designated roads and in sand dune areas.
- Ride with headlight and taillight turned on at all times.
- Campground roads are not open to dirt bike and ATV use, except for necessary ingress and egress to and from campsites.
- A properly functioning USDA approved spark arrestor in an operable muffler is required. It can emit no more than 105 decibels, 20" from a measurement device.

* OHV (Off-Highway Vehicle) means any snowmobile, ATV, motorcycle, or other off-highway vehicle capable of travel over unimproved terrain.



Always wear proper safety gear. USDA approved spark arrestor and muffler are required.



Ride only on designated roads and trails.

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Refer to maps and signing.

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